Book Assailed in Texas

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AUSTIN, Tex., Jan. 12—Both houses of the Texas Legislature today condemned "The Death of a President" and praised Texas Gov. John B. Connally Jr. of Texas for taking issue with it and promising to write his own story.

Both resolutions said that Governor Connally had resisted commenting on the assassination of President Kennedy, in which the Governor himself was seriously wounded, until the first installment of the William Manchester book appeared in Look magazine.

The House resolution said that the Legislature "pays tribute to Gov. John B. Connally for the forthright manner with which he has conducted himself," while the Senate measure included quotations from the Governor's press statement in which he strongly criticized the book.

The Senate resolution commends Governor Connally "for his decision to break his silence and record the facts surrounding the events . . . so that present day writers and legitimate historians may find them useful in reaching objective judgments."